

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 6, 2010 FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY, CENTRAL SQUARE

Tuesday, June 8 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Kurt Hohmann, our Drum Circle leader, will lead the last in the workshop series, “Magic of the Mind - An Introduction to Shamanic Journey,” at the church.

Thursday, June 10 – 8:30 a.m., Worship Committee meets at the church.

Friday, June 11 – 6 until about 8 p.m., Drum Circle meets at the church.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 11, 12 and 13 – The 19th annual Gathering of Men will take place at Unirondack. (See note below.)

Sunday, June 13 – 9:30 a.m., Choir rehearsal. 10:30 a.m., Worship service led by Andrea Abbott, student minister. 10:50 a.m., Religious education classes. 11:45 a.m., Resumption of annual congregational meeting. (See note below.) This is the Sunday to donate food items for the Downstairs Scottie. (See note below.)

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO RESUME

The annual congregational meeting of the First Universalist Society of Central Square is to resume immediately after the worship service on Sunday morning, June 13, 2010.

The agenda includes:

- Receiving annual reports from incumbent officers and committee chairs
- Consideration and adoption of the budget for the next fiscal year
- Election of officers

The slate of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee is as follows:

President: Janie Garlow

Vice President: Robert Haskell

Treasurer: Chester Perkins

Recording Secretary: Nancy Haskell

Corresponding Secretary: Ellen LaPine

Registrar: Betty Figie

Trustee for Three Years: Beth Sonnacchio

Trustee for Two Years: Sean Tennant

Nominating Committee Member for Three Years: Nancy Hallock

The bylaws provide that active members of the church 18 years or older shall have the power to vote. Any member of the church under 18 years shall have the right of voice, but not the power of voting or eligibility to hold office in the church.

Child care will be available upon request.

All are welcome.

WELCOME, CAROL-ANNE

Carol-Anne Salladin signed the church membership book on Sunday, May 23.

Carol-Anne is from Oswego. She has an ever-expanding list of interests, including collecting stationery, writing, creating postcards, digital photography, graphic design, art history, reading, traveling, volunteering, origami, and music. Over the past several months, she has been the AmeriCorps member at Parish Elementary where she helps students in grades 1-3 with their reading skills and also assists the teachers. This summer, she'll be a counselor at Camp Point O'Pines Camp for Girls in Brant Lake, New York.

Carol-Anne loves to create and share her creative endeavors with others. She enjoys working with paper, and can often be found designing posters, folding origami gifts, or making unique keepsakes for friends and family. Carol-Anne likes to take observations of all which surrounds her, so she always carries her camera with her to snap pictures of life as it happens. Someday, she hopes to do an extensive amount of traveling, studying, or volunteering abroad. She's very inquisitive and asks a lot of questions.

Miss Salladin is overjoyed to join the Central Square First Universalist Church. She likes the strong sense of community the church fosters, and feels valued as both a member and an individual. "I'm most pleased with Unitarian Universalism because of how easily it can be incorporated into my life. It doesn't feel distant or unapproachable – it works beautifully with how I want to live. On this spiritual journey, I couldn't ask for a more practical and worthy companion to be my guide."

A REMINDER TO CHALICE LIGHTERS

If you are a Chalice Lighter and have not answered the latest call for pledge payments, you are asked to do so before summer scatters everybody to the four winds.

The three congregations – Athens, Amherst and Binghamton – are counting on Chalice Lighters to get the funds in so they can plan their projects for the fall.

Until June 15, the address for the Saint Lawrence District is 695 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222-1697.

As of June 15 the Saint Lawrence District will have a new mailing address: Post Office Box 1045, Buffalo, NY 14240-1045.

BOOK CLUB PICKS A DATE

Nancy Hallock announces that the Book Club will meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 25, to discuss "The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court."

The book was written by Jeffrey Toobin.

VIDEO DISCUSSION GROUP PICKS A DATE, TOO

The Video Discussion Group will meet in the Goettel Room at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 18.

GATHERING OF MEN

The 19th annual Gathering of Men will take place at Unirondack on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 11, 12 and 13. Unirondack is a Unitarian Universalist camp and conference center located near the village of Lowville in Lewis County.

Men of all ages and orientations, united by their commitment to the seven basic principles of the Unitarian Universalist tradition, gather each year. And they talk, as honestly as they can, about their lives and their hopes. Some try new things for them, such as journaling or different modes of music, during the weekend.

There are opportunities to attend workshops, to go hiking and canoeing, and to sit by the boathouse and relax. The men share cooking and cleanup chores. Saturday night features a "talent show," followed by a bonfire if weather permits.

Anyone with questions is invited to contact Winfield Ihlow or Kurt Schindler.

CHANTING AND MEDITATION

Anyone who is interested in chanting and meditation is invited to contact Tim Hart at timhart@a-znet.com or at 315-439-2541.

DOWNSTAIRS SCOTTIE

The Executive Board has designated the second Sunday of each month as the date for the collection of food for the Downstairs Scottie. The Social Justice Committee will take the contributions of food to the Food Bank at St. Michael's Church the next day.

The committee will continue to accept non-food items for the Downstairs Scottie on the second Sunday of each month and at all other times. Such non-food items include soap, detergent, bathroom and facial tissues, toothpaste, and the like.

The collection box is in the dining room.

RETURN THOSE BOTTLES

You may continue to help the environment and make money for the Social Justice Committee by leaving your returnable bottles at the church.

Nancy Hallock, chair of the Social Justice Committee, is returning deposit bottles and cans for the committee treasury. Please remember to participate in this ongoing fundraiser.

REMINDERS

If you have an announcement you would like included in the weekly e-mail announcements, please send it to Bob Haskell at rhaskell@twcny.rr.com by 5 p.m. on Sundays. Earlier submissions would be appreciated.

Don't forget to send your articles for the July newsletter to Bob Haskell at rhaskell@twcny.rr.com by noon on Saturday, June 26. Earlier submissions would be appreciated.

Please help spread the word to anyone without e-mail. Thank you!

We respect your privacy and if you prefer not to receive future announcements, just hit Reply and put the word "REMOVE" on the subject line.